

# Decomposition of the vertex operator algebra $V_{\sqrt{2}A_3}$

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## 1 Introduction

A conformal vector with central charge  $c$  in a vertex operator algebra is an element of weight two whose component operators satisfy the Virasoro algebra relation with central charge  $c$ . Then the vertex operator subalgebra generated by the vector is isomorphic to a highest weight module for the Virasoro algebra with central charge  $c$  and highest weight 0 (cf. [M]).

Let  $V_{\sqrt{2}A_l}$  be the vertex operator algebra associated with a lattice  $\sqrt{2}A_l$ , where  $\sqrt{2}A_l$  denotes  $\sqrt{2}$  times an ordinary root lattice of type  $A_l$ . Motivated by the problem of looking for maximal associative algebras of the Griess algebra [G], a class of conformal vectors in  $V_{\sqrt{2}A_l}$  were studied and constructed in [DLMN]. It was shown in [DLMN] that the Virasoro element  $\omega$  of  $V_{\sqrt{2}A_l}$  is decomposed into a sum of  $l+1$  mutually orthogonal conformal vectors  $\omega^i$ ;  $1 \leq i \leq l+1$  with central charge  $c_i = 1 - 6/(i+2)(i+3)$  for  $1 \leq i \leq l$  and  $c_{l+1} = 2l/(l+3)$ . The vertex operator subalgebra generated by conformal vector  $\omega^i$  is exactly the irreducible highest weight module  $L(c_i, 0)$  for the Virasoro algebra. The vertex operator subalgebra  $T = T_l$  generated by these conformal vectors is isomorphic to a tensor product  $\otimes_{i=1}^{l+1} L(c_i, 0)$  of the Virasoro vertex operator algebras  $L(c_i, 0)$  and  $V_{\sqrt{2}A_l}$  is a direct sum of irreducible  $T$ -submodules.

In this paper we determine the decomposition of  $V_{\sqrt{2}A_3}$  into the direct sum of irreducible  $T$ -modules completely. The direct summands have been determined [KMY] in the case  $l = 2$ . For general  $l$  only the direct summands with minimal weights at most two are known [Y].

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The main idea for the decomposition in this paper is to embed  $V_{\sqrt{2}A_3}$  into the vertex operator algebra  $V_{(\sqrt{2}A_1)^{\oplus 3}}$  by considering the lattice  $\sqrt{2}A_3$  as a sublattice of  $(\sqrt{2}A_1)^{\oplus 3}$ . It turns out that  $V_{\sqrt{2}A_3}$  is isomorphic to the vertex operator subalgebra  $V_{(\sqrt{2}A_1)^{\oplus 3}}^+$  which is the fixed points of the involution of  $V_{(\sqrt{2}A_1)^{\oplus 3}}$  induced from the  $-1$  isometry of  $(\sqrt{2}A_1)^{\oplus 3}$ . Moreover,  $V_{(\sqrt{2}A_1)^{\oplus 3}}^+$  has a subalgebra isomorphic to  $V_{\sqrt{2}A_2}^+ \otimes V_F^+$  where  $F$  is a rank one lattice spanned by an element of square length 6 and  $V_{(\sqrt{2}A_1)^{\oplus 3}}^+$  is a direct sum of 3 irreducible modules for  $V_{\sqrt{2}A_2}^+ \otimes V_F^+$ . Then using [DG] on the decomposition of lattice type vertex operator algebra of rank 1 into the direct sum of irreducible modules for the Virasoro algebra and results in [KMY], we can determine all the irreducible  $T$ -modules in  $V_{\sqrt{2}A_3}$ . We should also mention that the sum of certain irreducible modules for  $T$  inside  $V_{\sqrt{2}A_3}$  forms a rational vertex operator algebra from our picture.

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## 2 Some automorphisms of $V_{\mathbb{Z}\alpha}$

Our notation for the vertex operator algebra  $V_L = M(1) \otimes \mathbb{C}[L]$  associated with a positive definite even lattice  $L$  is standard [FLM]. In particular,  $\mathfrak{h} = \mathbb{C} \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}} L$  is an abelian Lie algebra and extend the bilinear form to  $\mathfrak{h}$  by  $\mathbb{C}$ -linearity,  $\hat{\mathfrak{h}} = \mathfrak{h} \otimes \mathbb{C}[t, t^{-1}] \oplus \mathbb{C}K$  is the corresponding affine algebra,  $M(1) = \mathbb{C}[\alpha(n) | \alpha \in \mathfrak{h}, n < 0]$ , where  $\alpha(n) = \alpha \otimes t^n$ , is the unique irreducible  $\mathfrak{h}$ -module such that  $\alpha(n)1 = 0$  for all  $\alpha \in \mathfrak{h}$  and  $n$  positive, and  $K = 1$ . The element in the group algebra  $\mathbb{C}[L]$  of the additive group  $L$  corresponding to  $\beta \in L$  will be denoted by  $e^\beta$ . Note that the central extension  $\hat{L}$  of  $L$  by the cyclic group of order 2 is split if the square length of any element in  $L$  is a multiple of 4 (cf. [FLM]). For example,  $\sqrt{2}A_l$  is a such lattice. The vacuum vector  $1$  of  $V_L$  is  $1 \otimes e^0$  and the Virasoro element  $\omega$  is  $\frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^d \beta_i(-1)^2$  where  $\{\beta_1, \dots, \beta_d\}$  is an orthonormal basis of  $\mathfrak{h}$ .

We need to know explicit expressions of the vertex operators  $Y(u, z)$  for  $u = h(-1)$  or  $u = e^\beta$  for  $h \in \mathfrak{h}$  and  $\beta \in L$  in the next section to do certain calculations. We assume that the square length of any element in  $L$  is a multiple of 4. The operator  $Y(h(-1), z)$  is defined as

$$Y(h(-1), z) = \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} h(n) z^{-n-1} = \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} h(-1)_n z^{-n-1} \quad (2.1)$$

where  $h(n)$  acts on  $M(1)$  if  $n \neq 0$  and  $h(0)$  acts on  $\mathbb{C}[L]$  so that  $h(0)e^\gamma = \langle h, \gamma \rangle e^\gamma$  for  $\gamma \in L$ . In order to define  $Y(e^\beta, z)$  we need to define operators  $e_\beta$  and  $z^\beta$  acting on  $V_L$  such that  $e_\beta(u \otimes e^\gamma) = u \otimes e^{\beta+\gamma}$  and  $z^\beta(u \otimes e^\gamma) = z^{\langle \beta, \gamma \rangle} u \otimes e^\gamma$  for  $u \in M(1)$  and  $\gamma \in L$ . Then

$$Y(e^\beta, z) = \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} e_n^\beta z^{-n-1} = e^{\sum_{n < 0} \frac{\beta(n)}{-n} z^{-n}} e^{\sum_{n > 0} \frac{\beta(n)}{-n} z^{-n}} e_\beta z^\beta. \quad (2.2)$$

We refer the reader to [FLM] for the definition of vertex operators  $Y(u, z)$  for general  $u \in V_L$ .

Let  $L^\circ = \{\alpha \in \mathfrak{h} \mid \langle \alpha, L \rangle \subset \mathbb{Z}\}$  be the dual lattice of  $L$ . Then  $L^\circ/L$  is a finite group. For each  $\lambda \in L^\circ$  the corresponding untwisted Fock space  $V_{L+\lambda} = M(1) \otimes \mathbb{C}[L + \lambda]$  is an irreducible module for  $V_L$  [FLM]. Let  $L^\circ = \cup_{i \in L^\circ/L} (L + \lambda_i)$  be a coset decomposition. Then  $V_{L+\lambda_i}$  are all inequivalent irreducible  $V_L$ -modules [D].

Let  $V_{\mathbb{Z}\alpha}$  be the vertex operator algebra associated with a rank one lattice  $\mathbb{Z}\alpha$  such that  $\langle \alpha, \alpha \rangle = 2$ . The homogeneous subspace  $\mathfrak{g} = (V_{\mathbb{Z}\alpha})_{(1)}$  of  $V_{\mathbb{Z}\alpha}$  of weight one possesses a Lie algebra structure given by  $[u, v] = u_0 v$  with a symmetric invariant form  $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle$  such that  $\langle u, v \rangle \mathbf{1} = u_1 v$  ([FLM, Section 8.9]). We have

$$\begin{aligned} [e^\alpha, e^{-\alpha}] &= \alpha(-1), & [\alpha(-1), e^{\pm\alpha}] &= \pm 2e^{\pm\alpha}, \\ \langle e^\alpha, e^{-\alpha} \rangle &= 1, & \langle \alpha(-1), \alpha(-1) \rangle &= 2, \end{aligned}$$

and  $\langle u, v \rangle = 0$  for the other pairs  $u, v$  in  $\{\alpha(-1), e^\alpha, e^{-\alpha}\}$ . In particular,  $\{\alpha(-1), e^\alpha, e^{-\alpha}\}$  is a standard basis of  $\mathfrak{g} \cong \mathfrak{sl}_2(\mathbb{C})$ .

Now consider three automorphisms (cf. [FLM])  $\theta_1, \theta_2, \sigma$  of  $(\mathfrak{g}, \langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle)$  of order two such that

$$\begin{aligned} \theta_1 : \alpha(-1) &\longmapsto \alpha(-1), & e^\alpha &\longmapsto -e^\alpha, & e^{-\alpha} &\longmapsto -e^{-\alpha}, \\ \theta_2 : \alpha(-1) &\longmapsto -\alpha(-1), & e^\alpha &\longmapsto e^{-\alpha}, & e^{-\alpha} &\longmapsto e^\alpha, \\ \sigma : \alpha(-1) &\longmapsto e^\alpha + e^{-\alpha}, & e^\alpha + e^{-\alpha} &\longmapsto \alpha(-1), & e^\alpha - e^{-\alpha} &\longmapsto -(e^\alpha - e^{-\alpha}). \end{aligned}$$

Clearly  $\sigma\theta_1\sigma = \theta_2$ . These automorphisms of  $(\mathfrak{g}, \langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle)$  can be uniquely extended to automorphisms of the vertex operator algebra  $V_{\mathbb{Z}\alpha}$ . In order to see this we recall that the Verma module  $V(1, 0)$  for the affine algebra  $A_1^{(1)} = \mathfrak{sl}_2(\mathbb{C}) \otimes \mathbb{C}[t, t^{-1}] \oplus \mathbb{C}\mathbf{c}$  is the quotient of  $U(A_1^{(1)})$  modulo the left ideal generated by  $x \otimes t^n, \mathbf{c} - 1$  for  $x \in \mathfrak{sl}_2(\mathbb{C})$  and  $n \geq 0$ . Note that the automorphism group  $\text{Aut}(\mathfrak{sl}_2(\mathbb{C}))$  of the Lie algebra  $\mathfrak{sl}_2(\mathbb{C})$  acts on  $A_1^{(1)}$  by acting on the first tensor factor of  $\mathfrak{sl}_2(\mathbb{C}) \otimes \mathbb{C}[t, t^{-1}]$  and trivially on  $\mathbf{c}$ . As a result  $\text{Aut}(\mathfrak{sl}_2(\mathbb{C}))$  acts on  $U(A_1^{(1)})$  as algebra automorphisms. Clearly this induces an action of  $\text{Aut}(\mathfrak{sl}_2(\mathbb{C}))$  on  $V(1, 0)$ . Note that  $V_{\mathbb{Z}\alpha}$  is the irreducible quotient of  $V(1, 0)$  modulo the maximal submodule for  $A_1^{(1)}$ . It is easy to see from this construction that  $\text{Aut}(\mathfrak{sl}_2(\mathbb{C}))$  acts on  $V_{\mathbb{Z}\alpha}$ . In fact, the subgroup of  $\text{Aut}(\mathfrak{sl}_2(\mathbb{C}))$  consisting of those preserving the invariant bilinear form can be regarded as a subgroup of the automorphisms of the vertex operator algebra  $V_{\mathbb{Z}\alpha}$ . (This observation works for any finite dimensional semisimple Lie algebra in the position of  $\mathfrak{sl}_2(\mathbb{C})$ .) Since  $\theta_1, \theta_2$  and  $\sigma$  preserve the bilinear form on  $\mathfrak{sl}_2(\mathbb{C})$  they act on  $V_{\mathbb{Z}\alpha}$  as vertex operator algebra automorphisms.

We denote the corresponding automorphisms of  $V_{\mathbb{Z}\alpha}$  by the same symbols  $\theta_1, \theta_2$ , and  $\sigma$ . Then on  $V_{\mathbb{Z}\alpha}$ , we have  $\theta_1(u \otimes e^\beta) = (-1)^{\langle \alpha, \beta \rangle / 2} u \otimes e^\beta$  for  $u \in M(1)$  and  $\beta \in \mathbb{Z}\alpha$  and  $\theta_2$  is the automorphism induced from the isometry  $\beta \longmapsto -\beta$  of  $\mathbb{Z}\alpha$  [FLM]. We still have  $\sigma\theta_1\sigma = \theta_2$ . We also have

$$\sigma(\alpha(-1)^2) = \alpha(-1)^2 \quad \text{and} \quad \sigma(e^{\pm\alpha}) = \frac{1}{2}(\alpha(-1) \mp (e^\alpha - e^{-\alpha})).$$

We should mention that  $\sigma(\alpha(-1)^2) = \alpha(-1)^2$  is not obvious. Using the definitions of

$Y(e^{\pm\alpha}, z)$  and  $\sigma$  we see that

$$\begin{aligned}\sigma(\alpha(-1)^2) &= \sigma(\alpha(-1))_{-1}\sigma(\alpha(-1)) \\ &= (e^\alpha + e^{-\alpha})_{-1}(e^\alpha + e^{-\alpha}) \\ &= \alpha(-1)^2.\end{aligned}$$

### 3 Decomposition of $V_{\sqrt{2}A_3}$

Let  $L$  be a lattice with basis  $\{\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \alpha_3\}$  such that  $\langle \alpha_i, \alpha_j \rangle = 2\delta_{ij}$ . Then  $L = A_1 \oplus A_1 \oplus A_1$  where  $A_1$  is the root lattice of  $sl_2(\mathbb{C})$ . Set

$$\beta_1 = (\alpha_1 + \alpha_2)/\sqrt{2}, \quad \beta_2 = (-\alpha_2 + \alpha_3)/\sqrt{2}, \quad \beta_3 = (-\alpha_1 + \alpha_2)/\sqrt{2}.$$

Then  $\{\beta_1, \beta_2, \beta_3\}$  forms the set of simple roots of type  $A_3$ . Set  $\gamma = -\alpha_1 + \alpha_2 + \alpha_3$ . We consider two sublattices of  $L$ :

$$N = \sum_{i,j=1}^3 \mathbb{Z}(\alpha_i \pm \alpha_j), \quad D = E \oplus F,$$

where  $E = \mathbb{Z}(\alpha_1 + \alpha_2) + \mathbb{Z}(-\alpha_2 + \alpha_3) = \mathbb{Z}\sqrt{2}\beta_1 + \mathbb{Z}\sqrt{2}\beta_2$  and  $F = \mathbb{Z}\gamma$ .

**Lemma 3.1** (1) *We have that  $N = \{\beta \in L \mid \langle \alpha_1 + \alpha_2 + \alpha_3, \beta \rangle \equiv 0 \pmod{4}\}$ ,  $N$  is isometric to  $\sqrt{2}A_3$ , and  $[L : N] = 2$ .*

(2)  *$[L : D] = 3$  and  $L = D \cup (D + \alpha_2) \cup (D - \alpha_2)$*

(3)  *$\alpha_2 = \sqrt{2}(\beta_1 - \beta_2)/3 + \gamma/3$  and each element of the coset  $D + \alpha_2$  can be uniquely written as an orthogonal sum of an element in  $E + \sqrt{2}(\beta_1 - \beta_2)/3$  and an element in  $F + \gamma/3$ .*

(4)  *$E$  is isometric to  $\sqrt{2}A_2$ .*

**Proof** (1) The first assertion can be verified easily. Since  $N = \mathbb{Z}\sqrt{2}\beta_1 + \mathbb{Z}\sqrt{2}\beta_2 + \mathbb{Z}\sqrt{2}\beta_3$ , the second assertion holds. We have  $\alpha_i \notin N$  and  $L = N \cup (N + \alpha_i)$  for any  $i$ . In particular  $[L : N] = 2$ .

(2)–(4) are obvious.  $\square$

Since  $E$  and  $F$  are even lattices  $V_E$  and  $V_F$  are vertex operator algebras which can be regarded as vertex operator subalgebras of  $V_{\sqrt{2}A_1^{\oplus 3}}$  (with different Virasoro algebras). Note that  $\langle E + \sqrt{2}(\beta_1 - \beta_2)/3, E \rangle \subset \mathbb{Z}$  and  $\langle F + \gamma/3, F \rangle \subset \mathbb{Z}$ . Thus  $V_{E + \sqrt{2}(\beta_1 - \beta_2)/3}$  is an irreducible  $V_E$ -module and  $V_{F + \gamma/3}$  is an irreducible  $V_F$ -module (cf. [FLM]).

The lattice  $L$  is a direct sum of  $\mathbb{Z}\alpha_i$ ;  $i = 1, 2, 3$  and thus the vertex operator algebra  $V_L$  associated with  $L$  is a tensor product  $V_L = V_{\mathbb{Z}\alpha_1} \otimes V_{\mathbb{Z}\alpha_2} \otimes V_{\mathbb{Z}\alpha_3}$  (see [FHL] for the definition of tensor product vertex operator algebra). Define three automorphisms of  $V_L$  of order two by

$$\psi_1 = \theta_1 \otimes \theta_1 \otimes \theta_1, \quad \psi_2 = \theta_2 \otimes \theta_2 \otimes \theta_2, \quad \tau = \sigma \otimes \sigma \otimes \sigma,$$

where  $\theta_1$ ,  $\theta_2$ , and  $\sigma$  are the automorphisms of  $V_{\mathbb{Z}\alpha_i}$  described in Section 2. Then

$$\psi_1(u \otimes e^\beta) = (-1)^{\langle \alpha_1 + \alpha_2 + \alpha_3, \beta \rangle / 2} u \otimes e^\beta$$

for  $u \in M(1)$  and  $\beta \in L$ ,  $\psi_2$  is the automorphism induced from the isometry  $\beta \mapsto -\beta$  of  $L$ , and  $\tau\psi_1\tau = \psi_2$ .

For any  $\psi_2$ -invariant subspace  $U$  of  $V_L$  we shall write  $U^\pm = \{v \in V_L \mid \psi_2(v) = \pm v\}$ .

**Lemma 3.2** *We have  $\tau(V_N) = V_L^+$ .*

**Proof** From the action of  $\psi_1$  on  $V_L$  and Lemma 3.1 (1) it follows that  $V_N = \{v \in V_L \mid \psi_1(v) = v\}$ . Since  $\psi_2\tau = \tau\psi_1$ , the assertion holds.  $\square$

**Lemma 3.3** (1)  $V_L^+ \cong V_D^+ \oplus V_{D+\alpha_2}$  as  $V_D^+$ -modules.

(2)  $V_D^+ = (V_E^+ \otimes V_F^+) \oplus (V_E^- \otimes V_F^-)$ .

(3)  $V_{D+\alpha_2} = V_{E+\sqrt{2}(\beta_1-\beta_2)/3} \otimes V_{F+\gamma/3}$ .

**Proof** Lemma 3.1 (2) implies  $V_L = V_D \oplus V_{D+\alpha_2} \oplus V_{D-\alpha_2}$ . Since  $\psi_2$  leaves  $V_D$  invariant and interchanges  $V_{D+\alpha_2}$  and  $V_{D-\alpha_2}$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} V_L^+ &= V_D^+ \oplus (V_{D+\alpha_2} \oplus V_{D-\alpha_2})^+ \\ &\cong V_D^+ \oplus V_{D+\alpha_2} \end{aligned}$$

as  $V_D^+$ -modules. Now  $D = E \oplus F$  and both of  $E$  and  $F$  are  $\psi_2$ -invariant. Hence (2) holds. (3) follows from Lemma 3.1 (3).  $\square$

Similarly we have the following result which is not used in this paper to study the decomposition of  $V_N$  into the sum of irreducible  $T$ -modules.

**Lemma 3.4** (1)  $V_L^- \cong V_D^- \oplus V_{D+\alpha_2}$  as  $V_D^+$ -modules.

(2)  $V_D^- = (V_E^+ \otimes V_F^-) \oplus (V_E^- \otimes V_F^+)$ .

Let us recall the conformal vectors introduced in [DLMM]. For any positive integer  $l > 0$  let  $\Phi_l$  be the root system of type  $A_l$  generated by simple roots  $\beta_1, \dots, \beta_l$  and  $\Phi_l^+$  be the set of positive roots. We assume that the square length of a root is 2. We also assume that  $\Phi_i$  is a sub-system of  $\Phi_l$  with simple roots  $\beta_1, \dots, \beta_i$  for  $i \leq l$ . Let  $\sqrt{2}A_i$  be the positive definite even lattice spanned by  $\sqrt{2}\Phi_i$ . Then  $\sqrt{2}A_i$  is a sublattice of  $\sqrt{2}A_l$  and  $V_{\sqrt{2}A_i}$  is a vertex operator subalgebra of  $V_{\sqrt{2}A_l}$ .

For  $\beta \in \Phi_l$  set

$$w_\beta^\pm = \beta(-1)^2 \pm 2(e^{\sqrt{2}\beta} + e^{-\sqrt{2}\beta})$$

and

$$s^i = \frac{1}{2(i+3)} \sum_{\beta \in \Phi_i^+} w_\beta^-, \quad \omega = \frac{1}{2(l+1)} \sum_{\beta \in \Phi_l^+} \beta(-1)^2.$$

Then the conformal vectors of  $V_{\sqrt{2}A_l}$  defined in [DLMN] are

$$\omega^1 = s^1, \quad \omega^{i+1} = s^{i+1} - s^i, i = 1, \dots, l-1, \quad \omega^{l+1} = \omega - s^l. \quad (3.1)$$

Note that  $\omega$  is the Virasoro element.

By Lemma 3.2,  $V_N$  is isomorphic to  $V_L^+$  as a vertex operator algebra. We next calculate the images of the conformal vectors  $\omega^1, \omega^2, \omega^3$ , and  $\omega^4$  in  $V_N$  under the automorphism  $\tau$ . Note that  $\Phi_2^+ = \{\beta_1, \beta_2, \beta_1 + \beta_2\}$  and  $\Phi_3^+ = \Phi_2^+ \cup \{\beta_3, \beta_2 + \beta_3, \beta_1 + \beta_2 + \beta_3\}$ .

Let  $L(c, h)$  be the irreducible highest weight module for the Virasoro algebra with central charge  $c$  and highest weight  $h$ . Then  $L(c, 0)$  is a vertex operator algebra if  $c \neq 0$  (cf. [FZ]). The conformal vectors  $\omega^1, \omega^2, \omega^3$ , and  $\omega^4$  are mutually orthogonal and their central charges are  $1/2, 7/10, 4/5$ , and  $1$ . Hence the subalgebra  $T$  of  $V_N$  generated by these conformal vectors is isomorphic to

$$L(\frac{1}{2}, 0) \otimes L(\frac{7}{10}, 0) \otimes L(\frac{4}{5}, 0) \otimes L(1, 0).$$

Moreover,  $V_N$  is a completely reducible  $T$ -module. The main purpose in this paper is to determine the irreducible  $T$ -modules in  $V_N$  or equivalently in  $V_L^+$ .

In order to achieve this we need to determine the images of  $s^i$  under  $\tau$ .

**Lemma 3.5** *We have*

$$\begin{aligned} \tau(s^1) &= \frac{1}{8}w_{\beta_3}^+, \\ \tau(s^2) &= \frac{1}{10}(w_{\beta_3}^+ + w_{\beta_2}^- + w_{\beta_2+\beta_3}^+), \\ \tau(s^3) &= \frac{1}{12}(w_{\beta_3}^+ + w_{\beta_2}^- + w_{\beta_2+\beta_3}^+ + w_{\beta_3}^- + w_{\beta_2+\beta_3}^- + w_{\beta_2}^+) \\ &= \frac{1}{6}(\beta_2(-1)^2 + \beta_3(-1)^2 + (\beta_2 + \beta_3)(-1)^2), \\ \tau(\omega) &= \omega. \end{aligned}$$

**Proof** The proof is a straightforward computation. We compute  $\tau(s^1)$  here and leave the others to the reader. Note that

$$\begin{aligned} s^1 &= \frac{1}{8} \left( \beta_1(-1)^2 - 2(e^{\sqrt{2}\beta_1} + e^{-\sqrt{2}\beta_1}) \right) \\ &= \frac{1}{16}(\alpha_1(-1) + \alpha_2(-1))^2 - \frac{1}{4}(e^{\alpha_1}e^{\alpha_2} + e^{-\alpha_1}e^{-\alpha_2}), \end{aligned}$$

where  $e^{\pm\alpha_1}e^{\pm\alpha_2}$  is understood as tensor product of  $e^{\pm\alpha_1}$  with  $e^{\pm\alpha_2}$  in  $V_{\mathbb{Z}\alpha_1} \otimes V_{\mathbb{Z}\alpha_2}$ . Recall the definitions of vertex operators  $Y(h(-1), z)$  and  $Y(e^\beta, z)$  from (2.1) and (2.2). Then

from the definition of  $\tau$  we obtain

$$\begin{aligned}
\tau(s^1) &= \frac{1}{16}(e^{\alpha_1} + e^{-\alpha_1} + e^{\alpha_2} + e^{-\alpha_2})_{-1}(e^{\alpha_1} + e^{-\alpha_1} + e^{\alpha_2} + e^{-\alpha_2}) \\
&\quad - \frac{1}{16}(\alpha_1(-1) - (e^{\alpha_1} - e^{-\alpha_1}))(\alpha_2(-1) - (e^{\alpha_2} - e^{-\alpha_2})) \\
&\quad - \frac{1}{16}(\alpha_1(-1) + (e^{\alpha_1} - e^{-\alpha_1}))(\alpha_2(-1) + (e^{\alpha_2} - e^{-\alpha_2})) \\
&= \frac{1}{16}(\alpha_1(-1)^2 + \alpha_2(-1)^2) + \frac{1}{8}(e^{\alpha_1+\alpha_2} + e^{\alpha_1-\alpha_2} + e^{-\alpha_1+\alpha_2} + e^{-\alpha_1-\alpha_2}) \\
&\quad - \frac{1}{8}\alpha_1(-1)\alpha_2(-1) - \frac{1}{8}(e^{\alpha_1+\alpha_2} - e^{\alpha_1-\alpha_2} - e^{-\alpha_1+\alpha_2} + e^{-\alpha_1-\alpha_2}) \\
&= \frac{1}{8}(\beta_3(-1)^2 + 2(e^{\sqrt{2}\beta_3} + e^{-\sqrt{2}\beta_3})) \\
&= \frac{1}{8}w_{\beta_3}^+.
\end{aligned}$$

□

Clearly,  $\tau(s^1), \tau(s^2 - s^1), \tau(s^3 - s^2)$  are not the conformal vectors associated to the lattice  $\sqrt{2}A_2$  defined in [DLMM]. We shall compose  $\tau$  with another automorphism of  $V_L$  so that the resulting conformal vectors are those in [DLMM] and we can apply the decomposition result given in [KMY] for  $V_{\sqrt{2}A_2}$ .

Let  $\varphi$  be the automorphism of  $V_L$  defined by

$$\varphi : u \otimes e^\beta \longmapsto (-1)^{\langle -\alpha_2 + \alpha_3, \beta \rangle / 2} u \otimes e^\beta$$

for  $u \in M(1)$  and  $\beta \in L$  and set

$$\rho = (\theta_2 \otimes 1 \otimes 1)\varphi\tau,$$

where  $\theta_2 \otimes 1 \otimes 1$  is the automorphism which acts as  $\theta_2$  on  $V_{\mathbb{Z}\alpha_1}$  and acts as the identity on  $V_{\mathbb{Z}\alpha_2} \otimes V_{\mathbb{Z}\alpha_3}$ . Let  $\tilde{\omega}^i = \rho(\omega^i)$ .

**Lemma 3.6** (1) *We have*

$$\begin{aligned}
\rho(s^1) &= \frac{1}{8}w_{\beta_1}^-, & \rho(s^2) &= \frac{1}{10} \sum_{\beta \in \Phi_2^+} w_{\beta}^-, \\
\rho(s^3) &= \frac{1}{6}(\beta_1(-1)^2 + \beta_2(-1)^2 + (\beta_1 + \beta_2)(-1)^2), & \rho(\omega) &= \omega.
\end{aligned}$$

(2) *The  $\tilde{\omega}^1, \tilde{\omega}^2$ , and  $\tilde{\omega}^3$  are the mutually orthogonal conformal vectors of  $V_E \cong V_{\sqrt{2}A_2}$  defined in [DLMN] and*

$$\tilde{\omega}^4 = \rho(\omega) - \rho(s^3) = \frac{1}{12}\gamma(-1)^2$$

*is the Virasoro element of  $V_F$  with central charge 1.*

**Proof** (2) follows from (1) and the definition of the conformal vectors in  $V_{\sqrt{2}A_2}$  given in (3.1).

(1) follows from Lemma 3.5 and the definitions of all automorphisms involved. For example,

$$\begin{aligned}
\rho(s^1) &= \frac{1}{8}((\theta_2 \otimes 1 \otimes 1)\varphi)w_{\beta_3}^+ \\
&= \frac{1}{16}((\theta_2 \otimes 1 \otimes 1)\varphi)((\alpha_1(-1) - \alpha_2(-1))^2 + 4(e^{\alpha_1}e^{-\alpha_2} + e^{-\alpha_1}e^{\alpha_2})) \\
&= \frac{1}{16}(\theta_2 \otimes 1 \otimes 1)((\alpha_1(-1) - \alpha_2(-1))^2 - 4(e^{\alpha_1}e^{-\alpha_2} + e^{-\alpha_1}e^{\alpha_2})) \\
&= \frac{1}{16}((\alpha_1(-1) + \alpha_2(-1))^2 - 4(e^{-\alpha_1}e^{-\alpha_2} + e^{\alpha_1}e^{\alpha_2})) \\
&= \frac{1}{8}w_{\beta_1}^-.
\end{aligned}$$

□

Let  $\tilde{T}'$  be the subalgebra generated by  $\tilde{\omega}^1, \tilde{\omega}^2$ , and  $\tilde{\omega}^3$ , and  $\tilde{T}''$  the subalgebra generated by  $\tilde{\omega}^4$ . Then  $\tilde{T}' \subset V_E^+$  and  $\tilde{T}'' \subset V_E^+$ . Moreover,

$$\tilde{T}' \cong L(\frac{1}{2}, 0) \otimes L(\frac{7}{10}, 0) \otimes L(\frac{4}{5}, 0), \quad \tilde{T}'' \cong L(1, 0).$$

As a  $\tilde{T}'$ -module  $V_E^\pm$  decomposes into a direct sum of irreducible  $\tilde{T}'$ -submodules of the form  $L(\frac{1}{2}, h_1) \otimes L(\frac{7}{10}, h_2) \otimes L(\frac{4}{5}, h_3)$ . It follows from [KMY, Lemma 4.1] that  $V_E^+$  is a direct sum of four irreducible submodules, which are isomorphic to

$$\begin{aligned}
&L(\frac{1}{2}, 0) \otimes L(\frac{7}{10}, 0) \otimes L(\frac{4}{5}, 0), & L(\frac{1}{2}, 0) \otimes L(\frac{7}{10}, \frac{3}{5}) \otimes L(\frac{4}{5}, \frac{7}{5}), \\
&L(\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}) \otimes L(\frac{7}{10}, \frac{1}{10}) \otimes L(\frac{4}{5}, \frac{7}{5}), & L(\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}) \otimes L(\frac{7}{10}, \frac{3}{2}) \otimes L(\frac{4}{5}, 0),
\end{aligned} \tag{3.2}$$

and  $V_E^-$  is a direct sum of four irreducible submodules, which are isomorphic to

$$\begin{aligned}
&L(\frac{1}{2}, 0) \otimes L(\frac{7}{10}, \frac{3}{5}) \otimes L(\frac{4}{5}, \frac{2}{5}), & L(\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}) \otimes L(\frac{7}{10}, \frac{1}{10}) \otimes L(\frac{4}{5}, \frac{2}{5}), \\
&L(\frac{1}{2}, 0) \otimes L(\frac{7}{10}, 0) \otimes L(\frac{4}{5}, 3), & L(\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}) \otimes L(\frac{7}{10}, \frac{3}{2}) \otimes L(\frac{4}{5}, 3).
\end{aligned} \tag{3.3}$$

In [KMY, Lemma 4.2] the irreducible  $\tilde{T}'$ -submodules with minimal weight  $2/3$  of  $V_{E+\sqrt{2}(\beta_1-\beta_2)/2}$ , which is denoted by  $V^2$  in [KMY], are determined. By using fusion rules ([DMZ], [W]) we see that as a  $\tilde{T}'$ -module  $V_{E+\sqrt{2}(\beta_1-\beta_2)/2}$  is a direct sum of four irreducible submodules, which are isomorphic to

$$\begin{aligned}
&L(\frac{1}{2}, 0) \otimes L(\frac{7}{10}, 0) \otimes L(\frac{4}{5}, \frac{2}{3}), & L(\frac{1}{2}, 0) \otimes L(\frac{7}{10}, \frac{3}{5}) \otimes L(\frac{4}{5}, \frac{1}{15}), \\
&L(\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}) \otimes L(\frac{7}{10}, \frac{1}{10}) \otimes L(\frac{4}{5}, \frac{1}{15}), & L(\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}) \otimes L(\frac{7}{10}, \frac{3}{2}) \otimes L(\frac{4}{5}, \frac{2}{3}).
\end{aligned} \tag{3.4}$$

The decompositions of  $V_F^\pm$  and  $V_{F+\gamma/3}$  as  $\tilde{T}''$ -modules can be found in [DG]; that is,

$$\begin{aligned} V_F^+ &\cong (\oplus_{m \geq 0} L(1, 4m^2)) \oplus (\oplus_{m \geq 1} L(1, 3m^2)), \\ V_F^- &\cong (\oplus_{m \geq 0} L(1, (2m+1)^2)) \oplus (\oplus_{m \geq 1} L(1, 3m^2)), \\ V_{F+\gamma/3} &\cong \oplus_{m \in \mathbb{Z}} L(1, (3m+1)^2/3). \end{aligned} \quad (3.5)$$

From these decompositions and Lemma 3.3 we know all irreducible direct summands of  $V_L^+$  as a  $\tilde{T}' \otimes \tilde{T}''$ -module.

Finally, note that the automorphisms  $(\theta_2 \otimes 1 \otimes 1)\varphi$  and  $\psi_2$  of  $V_L$  commute. Thus  $\rho\psi_1 = \psi_2\rho$  and  $\rho(V_N) = V_L^+$ . Since  $\rho(T) = \tilde{T}' \otimes \tilde{T}''$ , the decomposition of  $V_N$  as a  $T$ -module and the decomposition of  $V_L^+$  as a  $\tilde{T}' \otimes \tilde{T}''$ -module are the same. Using (3.2), (3.3), (3.4), (3.5), and Lemma 3.3 we conclude:

**Theorem 3.7** *The decomposition of  $V_N$  into a direct sum of irreducible  $T$ -submodules is as follows:*

$$\begin{aligned} V_{\sqrt{2}A_3} = & \left( L\left(\frac{1}{2}, 0\right) \otimes L\left(\frac{7}{10}, 0\right) \otimes L\left(\frac{4}{5}, 0\right) \oplus L\left(\frac{1}{2}, 0\right) \otimes L\left(\frac{7}{10}, \frac{3}{5}\right) \otimes L\left(\frac{4}{5}, \frac{7}{5}\right) \right. \\ & \oplus L\left(\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}\right) \otimes L\left(\frac{7}{10}, \frac{1}{10}\right) \otimes L\left(\frac{4}{5}, \frac{7}{5}\right) \oplus L\left(\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}\right) \otimes L\left(\frac{7}{10}, \frac{3}{2}\right) \otimes L\left(\frac{4}{5}, 0\right) \Big) \\ & \otimes \left( (\oplus_{m \geq 0} L(1, 4m^2)) \oplus (\oplus_{m \geq 1} L(1, 3m^2)) \right) \\ & \oplus \left( L\left(\frac{1}{2}, 0\right) \otimes L\left(\frac{7}{10}, \frac{3}{5}\right) \otimes L\left(\frac{4}{5}, \frac{2}{5}\right) \oplus L\left(\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}\right) \otimes L\left(\frac{7}{10}, \frac{1}{10}\right) \otimes L\left(\frac{4}{5}, \frac{2}{5}\right) \right. \\ & \oplus L\left(\frac{1}{2}, 0\right) \otimes L\left(\frac{7}{10}, 0\right) \otimes L\left(\frac{4}{5}, 3\right) \oplus L\left(\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}\right) \otimes L\left(\frac{7}{10}, \frac{3}{2}\right) \otimes L\left(\frac{4}{5}, 3\right) \Big) \\ & \otimes \left( (\oplus_{m \geq 0} L(1, (2m+1)^2)) \oplus (\oplus_{m \geq 1} L(1, 3m^2)) \right) \\ & \oplus \left( L\left(\frac{1}{2}, 0\right) \otimes L\left(\frac{7}{10}, 0\right) \otimes L\left(\frac{4}{5}, \frac{2}{3}\right) \oplus L\left(\frac{1}{2}, 0\right) \otimes L\left(\frac{7}{10}, \frac{3}{5}\right) \otimes L\left(\frac{4}{5}, \frac{1}{15}\right) \right. \\ & \oplus L\left(\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}\right) \otimes L\left(\frac{7}{10}, \frac{1}{10}\right) \otimes L\left(\frac{4}{5}, \frac{1}{15}\right) \oplus L\left(\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}\right) \otimes L\left(\frac{7}{10}, \frac{3}{2}\right) \otimes L\left(\frac{4}{5}, \frac{2}{3}\right) \Big) \\ & \otimes (\oplus_{m \in \mathbb{Z}} L(1, (3m+1)^2/3)). \end{aligned}$$

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